

Spring Training with Part D

Well it is that time of year again, Spring Training. The owner and managers have hired a new player to join our team. His name is Part D. He is young, confused, and full of plans for the future. I know it may be hard for us but we have to work with him. I hear he signed a lifetime contract worth a couple of billion. I think he is overpaid but what do I know.

In order to play in the majors, we need to have teamwork. Teamwork requires knowing the strengths and weaknesses of our teammates. Let's start by exercising our brains and finding out how much we know or don't know about Part D.

1. What are the four parts of Medicare and what benefit do they provide?

2. What does the term "Dual Eligible" mean?

3. How does Medicare Part D Subsidy help?

4. What is the difference between deemed Subsidy eligibility and determined Subsidy eligibility?

5. Name the four situations when you will determine Subsidy?

6. Name four reasons a Medicare consumer might benefit from a spenddown?

